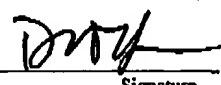


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Title: HEATED BRIDGE DECK SYSTEM)	
AND MATERIALS AND METHOD)	
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Dear Sir:

I, Christopher Tuan, hereby declare as follows:

1. I reside at 3314 North 152 Ave., Omaha, Nebraska 68147.
2. Lim Nguyen, Sherif Yehia, Bing Chen and I are the named inventors on U.S. Application Serial No. 09/890,445, filed on July 30, 2001.
3. An article entitled article from Crossroads 2000 (Iowa State Univ.) entitled "Bridge Deck Deicing" to Yehia and Tuan was used to reject Application Serial No. 09/890,445 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a).

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4. The conference paper was presented at a conference by Sherif Yehia and I. Conferences are generally specific to a theme, or to a particular subject matter (i.e. road construction techniques for civil engineers, etc...) and generally speaking ONLY people in that scientific community participate in the conference. In this case the conference was a civil engineering conference, so only Sherif Yehia and I attended, and we were the only ones who presented the paper. As the only two presenters, we were the only two authors listed when the conference paper was published in the proceedings of the conference.

5. Bing Chen and Lim Nguyen are electrical engineers and did not attend the conference. However, they are cited in the acknowledgement section of the conference paper, which does recognize their participation and contribution to the research for the article.

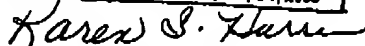
6. Bing Chen and Lim Nguyen did participate in the research for and preparation of the article and subsequently the patent application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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